

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 609

By Lowe

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Walker Valley High School archery team on winning the 2023 National Archery in Schools Program State Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors for this State; and

WHEREAS, the Walker Valley High School archery team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2023 season, winning the coveted National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) State Championship; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel with a cooperative spirit; the young athletes from Walker Valley exhibited each of these rare qualities during their championship season; and

WHEREAS, in winning Walker Valley High School's first archery state championship in just the program's second year of existence, the team amassed a score of 3,349, the highest team score by any competitor in nearly a decade with 3,600 being the perfect score; and

WHEREAS, the road to Walker Valley High School's victory was paved with thirteen regular season tournaments across Middle Tennessee, in which they placed first in all but one; and

WHEREAS, a championship team comprised of champions, the team succeeded in the bullseye competition through the time and talents of Klay Brancfield, second overall and first place for senior male; Kendall Eckstein, third overall and second place for senior male; and Tatiana Chagala, third overall and second place for sophomore female; and

WHEREAS, in 3D/IBO, Walker Valley's Macy King took fourth overall and first place for sophomore female competitors; and

WHEREAS, the thirty-nine archers of the Walker Valley High School archery team epitomize all that is good in today's student athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women and men not only made possible a championship season but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who achieve championship laurels, and it is wholly fitting that they should be commended for attaining their lofty goal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate the members, coaching staff, and fans of the Walker Valley High School archery team on winning the 2023 National Archery in Schools Program State Championship.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.